<u>AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS</u>:

Please cancel Claims 5, 7, and 17 without prejudice to or disclaimer of the subject matter recited therein.

Please amend Claims 1 through 4, 6, 8 through 16, and 18 as follows:

1. (Currently Amended) A method of generating a dependent media track<u>,</u> ~~that is loosely synchronised to a source media track,~~ the dependent media track comprising a sequence of dependent media items, said method comprising the steps of:

arranging~~, in an order,~~ a sequence of Edit Decision List (EDL) elements for ~~a corresponding sequence of~~ <u>source</u> media items in ~~the~~ <u>a</u> source media track, wherein ~~at least an ordered sub-set of~~ the ~~sequence of~~ EDL elements contain track control attributes ~~for corresponding dependent media items in the dependent media track~~ <u>that are independent of time</u>; and

generating ~~the~~ <u>a</u> dependent media ~~track~~ <u>item in the dependent media track</u> ~~dependent upon at least some of said~~ <u>in accordance with the</u> track control attributes and <u>another dependent media item in the dependent media track.</u> ~~the order in which the sub-set of EDL elements is arranged;~~

~~wherein at least one dependent media item in the dependent track is dependent upon a track control attribute in an EDL element in the neighborhood of the corresponding EDL elements in the sub-set.~~

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2. (Currently Amended) A method according to claim 1~~,~~ __further__ comprising the ~~further~~ steps of:

~~re-ordering__ __re-arranging the ~~sub-set of~~ EDL elements; and

re-generating the dependent media __item in the dependent media track__ ~~dependent upon at least some of said__ __in accordance with the__ track control attributes~~,__ __and__ the __re-arranged sequence of EDL elements, and another dependent media item in the dependent media track__ ~~order in which the sub-set of EDL elements is re-ordered~~.

3. (Currently Amended) A method according to claim 2, wherein the ~~re-ordering__ __re-arranging__ step comprises deletion of at least one ~~of the sub-set__ of __the__ EDL elements.

4. (Currently Amended) A method according to ~~any one of claims 1, 2 and 3__ __claim 1__, wherein commencement of the dependent media track is in accordance with a track control attribute associated with an EDL element in the ~~sub-set__ __sequence__ of the EDL elements.

5. (Cancelled)

6. (Currently Amended) A method according to ~~any one of claims 1, 2 and 3__ __claim 1__, wherein termination of the dependent media track is in accordance with a track control attribute associated with an EDL element in the ~~sub-set__ __sequence__ of the EDL elements.

7. (Cancelled)

8. (Currently Amended) A method according to claim 1, wherein the dependent media track is a graphical overlay that is copied from a template which is referenced by one of ~~said~~ the track control ~~elements~~ attributes.

9. (Currently Amended) A method according to claim 8, wherein ~~the~~ a copy of the template is transformed to ~~thereby~~ form the dependent media track.

10. (Currently Amended) A method according to claim 1, wherein ~~a said~~ the ~~dependent~~ media item in the ~~source~~ dependent media track comprises a copy of [[a]] the source media item, in the source media track, which is referenced by a ~~corresponding said~~ track control attribute associated with an EDL element in the sequence of EDL elements.

11. (Currently Amended) A method according to claim 10, wherein ~~the~~ a copy of the source media item is transformed to ~~thereby~~ form the dependent media item in the ~~source~~ dependent media track.

12. (Currently Amended) A method according to claim 1, wherein ~~a said~~ the track control attribute comprises one of an attribute to activate a dependent media item in the dependent media track and an attribute to deactivate the dependent media item in the dependent media track.

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13. (Currently Amended) An apparatus for generating a dependent media track, ~~that is loosely synchronized to a source media track~~ the dependent media track comprising a sequence of dependent media items, said apparatus comprising:

an editor for ~~(i)~~ arranging a sequence of Edit Decision List (EDL) elements ~~in an order for~~ source media items in a source media track, wherein ~~at least an ordered sub-set of~~ the EDL elements contain track control attributes that are independent of time ~~for corresponding dependent media items in the dependent media track, and (ii) producing a sequence of media items in a source track dependent upon at least some of the sequence EDL elements~~; and

means for generating ~~the~~ a dependent media ~~track~~ item in the dependent media track ~~dependent upon at least some of said~~ in accordance with the track control attributes and another dependent media item in the dependent media track. ~~the order in which the sub-set of EDL elements is arranged, wherein at least one dependent media item in the dependent track is dependent upon a track control attribute in an EDL element in the neighborhood of the corresponding EDL elements in the sub-set.~~

14. (Currently Amended) An apparatus according to claim 13 wherein ~~the~~ said editor is adapted for ~~re-ordering~~ re-arranging the ~~sub-set of~~ EDL elements, and wherein said means for generating the dependent media track is adapted for re-generating the dependent media track ~~dependent upon at least some of~~ in accordance with ~~said~~ the track control attributes and another dependent media item in the dependent media track ~~the order in which the sub-set of EDL elements is re-ordered~~.

15. (Currently Amended) A ~~computer program product including a~~ computer readable disk or storage ~~medium~~ device having recorded thereon a set of computer program modules comprising computer program code for directing a processor to execute a ~~procedure~~ method for generating a dependent media track ~~that is loosely synchronised to a source media track~~, the dependent media track comprising a sequence of dependent media items, said method comprising the steps of:

arranging~~, in an order,~~ a sequence of Edit Decision List (EDL) elements for ~~a corresponding sequence of~~ source media items in a source media track, wherein ~~at least an ordered sub-set of~~ the ~~sequence of~~ EDL elements contain track control attributes that are independent of time ~~for corresponding dependent media items in the dependent media track~~; and

generating ~~the~~ a dependent media ~~track~~ item in the dependent media track ~~dependent upon at least some of said~~ in accordance with the track control attributes and another dependent media item in the dependent media track. ~~the order in which the sub-set of EDL elements is arranged,~~

~~wherein at least one dependent media item in the dependent track is dependent upon a track control attribute in an EDL element in the neighborhood of the corresponding EDL elements in the sub-set.~~

16. (Currently Amended) A ~~computer program product including a~~ computer readable disk or storage ~~medium~~ device having recorded thereon a set of computer program modules comprising computer program code for directing a processor to execute a procedure for generating a dependent media track ~~that is loosely synchronised to a source media track, the~~

~~dependent media track~~ comprising a sequence of dependent media items, said program comprising:

       code for arranging~~, in an order,~~ a sequence of Edit Decision List (EDL) elements for ~~a corresponding sequence of~~ source media items in a source media track, wherein ~~at least an ordered sub-set of~~ the ~~sequence of~~ EDL elements contain track control attributes that are independent of time; and ~~for corresponding dependent media items in the dependent media track; and~~

       code for generating ~~the~~ a dependent media item in the dependent media track ~~dependent upon at least some of~~ in accordance with ~~said~~ the track control attributes and ~~the order in which the sub-set of EDL elements is arranged,~~ another dependent media item in the dependent media track.

       ~~wherein at least one dependent media item in the dependent track is in accordance with a track control attribute in an EDL element in the neighborhood of the corresponding EDL elements in the sub-set.~~

       17. (Cancelled)

       18. (Currently Amended) A media production comprising a ~~sequence of media items in a~~ source ~~media~~ track, the source media track comprising a sequence of source media items, and a dependent media track ~~that is loosely synchronised to a source media track~~, the dependent media track comprising a sequence of dependent media items, the ~~media items and the~~ dependent media track ~~having been~~ being formed by a method comprising the steps of:

arranging a sequence of Edit Decision List (EDL) elements~~, in an order,~~ wherein ~~at least an ordered sub-set of~~ the EDL elements contain track control attributes <u>that are independent of time</u> ~~for corresponding dependent media items in the dependent media track~~; <u>and</u>

~~producing the sequence of media items in the source track dependent upon at least some of the sequence EDL elements; and~~

generating ~~the~~ <u>a</u> dependent media ~~track~~ <u>item in the dependent media track</u> ~~dependent upon at least some of said~~ <u>in accordance with the</u> track control attributes and <u>another dependent media item in the dependent media track.</u> ~~the order in which the sub-set of EDL elements is arranged;~~

~~wherein at least one dependent media item in the dependent track is dependent upon a track control attribute in an EDL element in the neighborhood of the corresponding EDL element in the sub-set.~~

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